

WASHINGTON, DC- Today, Congressman Jim Costa (D-Fresno) announced that a grant of \$994,863 has been awarded to the Kern County Superintendent of Schools-Kern County Museum in Bakersfield, CA for their History of a Nation project. These funds are being awarded through the United States Department of Education under their Teaching American History grant program, and funds will be used to raise student achievement in American history throughout Kern County.

“This is great news for Kern County,” said Costa. “This program is expected to recruit and train up to 40 teachers who will use new resources and teaching ideas to enrich Kern County students in American history. I am expecting American history scholars to come out of Kern County schools in the near future.”

Kern County Superintendent of Schools will lead the partnership of professional development content providers which include California State University Bakersfield's History Department, the Kern County Museum, and the American Institute for History Education. The project has also partnered with the Bill of Rights Institute, the California Technology Assistance Projects, and the Civil War Society, among other organizations. The grant awarded to Kern County will be for a total of five years.

Information about the partners involved in this project can be found at the following websites:

<http://www.csub.edu/history/>

<http://www.kcmuseum.org/>

<http://www.americaninstituteforhistory.org/>

<http://www.billofrights institute.org/>

<http://ctap.k12.ca.us/>

<http://www.acws.net/>